

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesy of the telephone interview with the undersigned and Dr. Robert P. Scaringe on April 13, 2010, during which the Examiner indicated that the foregoing amendments to Claims 68, 92 and 99 define over the Magrane reference which does not teach a continuous ferromagnetic adjacent to the assemblies, each formed by the permanent magnet 32 and two pole pieces 34, 34.

Thus, a *prima facie* case of anticipation of Claims 68-70, 78 and 82 based on Magrane and/or obviousness of Claims 68-91, 99 and 100 based on Scofield and Magrane and/or obviousness of Claims 92-98 based upon Scofield, Magrane and Yamada et al is not present.

Accordingly, early and favorable action is now earnestly solicited.

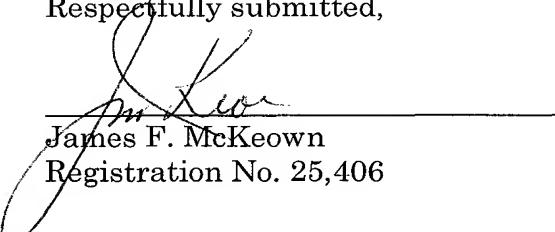
If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #029211.52672US).

Respectfully submitted,

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